

Boise Police Department Seatbelt Enforcement



Statistics

- Office of Highway Safety allocated 460 hours to the Boise Police Department
- City of Boise has over 90% seatbelt compliance
- Boise P.D. issued over 1900 seatbelt citations in two weeks of mobilization
- Boise P.D. averaged over 4.1 seatbelt citations per hour per officer

Boise Police Department

Seatbelt Enforcement

- Seatbelt Grant Team:

- 11 Motorcycles

- 7 Night STEP Officers in patrol cars

- 2 CVE Officers in patrol pick-ups

Enforcement Beliefs

- Remember: 1 MPH over is a violation
- We are targeting specifically seatbelt violations, not worried about writing citations for other violations
- We try to keep time of each contact to just a few minutes
- Utilize healthy competition as part of grant

Enforcement Strategies

1) Pre-Flight Citations

- Fill in all available information before doing enforcement to increase speed of traffic stop
- Avoid spending time with dispatch to obtain warrant/driving status
- Example:

BOISE POLICE DEPT. 1200890

IDAHO UNIFORM CITATION

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA

VS.

COMPLAINT AND SUMMONS

☒ Infraction Citation

☐ Misdemeanor Citation

☐ Accident Involved

DR#

DR#

DR#

First Name Middle Initial Last Name

VIN #

USDOT TK Census #

☐ Operator ☐ Class A ☐ Class B ☐ Class C ☐ Class D ☐ Other

☐ GVWR 26001 + ☐ 16 + Persons ☐ Placard Hazardous Materials ☐ IPUC#

Home Address

Business Address

Ph #

THE UNDERSIGNED OFFICER (PARTY) HEREBY CERTIFIES AND SAYS:

☐ DL ☐ ID ☐ V I certify I have reasonable grounds, and believe the above-named Defendant, DL or SS# State Sex: ☐ M ☐ F

Height Wt. Hair Eyes DOB

Veh. Lic.# State Yr. of Vehicle

Make Model Color

Did commit the following act(s) on 9-11, 20 06 at o'clock M.

Vio. #1 Fail to fasten seatbelt 49-673

Vio. #2

Code Section

Location Orchard/Franklin

Hwy Mp. ADA County, Idaho.

Date 9-11-06 Officer/Party Wills Serial #/Address 652

Date Witnessing Officer Serial #/Address Dept.

THE STATE OF IDAHO TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Clerk of the Magistrate's Court of the District Court of ADA County, BOISE, Idaho, located at 200 W. FRONT ST. on or after 9-25, 20 06, but on or before 10-2, 20 06, at 8 A.M.-4 o'clock P.M.

I acknowledge receipt of this summons and I promise to appear at the time indicated.

Served

Defendant's Signature

I hereby certify service upon the defendant personally on 9-11, 20 06

Officer

NOTICE: See reverse side of your copy for PENALTY and COMPLIANCE instructions.

COURT COPY VIOLATION #1

Enforcement Strategies

2) Use 2 person enforcement vehicle

- Driver looks for primary violation
- Passenger looks for seatbelt violation
- Passenger remains in vehicle and fills out citation while driver makes contact with violator
- Shortens traffic stop by average of 3 minutes per stop

Enforcement Strategies

3) Work high traffic areas with frequent primary violations

- Intersections where there are a large number of wide turn violations, signal violations, etc.
- Streets where speed limit is low, but traffic volume is high

Enforcement Strategies

- 4) Work as a team with 3 or 4 other officers
 - One officer acts as a spotter, looking for primary violation, as well as, seatbelt violation
 - Other officers wave vehicles over and issue citations
 - Most effective in high traffic and frequent violation areas

QUESTIONS?